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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant: LIVINGSTONE, James I.

Group Art Unit: 3672

Serial No.: 10/644,748

Examiner: Collins, Giovanna M.

Filed: August 21, 2003

For: REVERSE CIRCULATION DIRECTIONAL AND HORIZONTAL DRILLING
USING CONCENTRIC DRILL STRING

Atty Docket: 52502-16

Box Patent Application Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for responding to the Office Action, dated for a period of three months so that a response can be filed by April 11, 2006. The fee of is dealt with in the section below entitled FEES.

CLAIMS FEES

No additional claims fee is required.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	AFTER AMDT.	PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	64	64	0	Extra x \$25	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	21	20	1	Extra x \$100	\$100.00
FIRST FILING OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIMS	--	--	--	+\$180.	--
TOTAL					\$100.00

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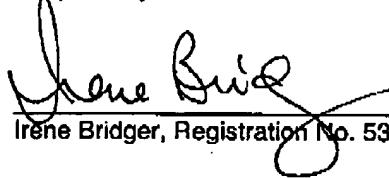
ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection over a Pending "Reference" Application".

FEES PAYMENT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees totalling \$675.00 for the three month extension fees of \$510.00, the extra claims fees of \$100.00, the Statutory Disclaimer fee of \$65.00 and any further fees that may be required for entry of the amendment to our American Express credit card on file. Enclosed is the Credit Card Payment Form.

Respectfully submitted



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